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SA1516-060: Resolution Approving Student Organizations Committee Bylaw Change

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WHEREAS; The Student Organization Committee has revised their bylaws to say “The committee shall receive student organization grievances. All grievances will be reviewed by the committee and a determination will be made as to who should hear the case, the committee or student court.” below Responsibilities, under Section 2.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Senate fully supports these bylaw changes.


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BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION:
**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
COMMITTEE**



ARTICLE I: NAME

Section I: Name – The name of this committee shall be the Student Organizations Committee, a standing committee of Student Senate (UW-L Student Association).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section I: Purpose – **The Purpose of this committee is to:**

- a) Make recommendations to the Student Senate in regard to general policies concerning campus wide student organizations
- b) Form general policies which govern student organizations
- c) Approve all new student organization requests
- d) Provide a means for non-budgeted organizations to request segregated fee funding. The Student Organizations Committee may also assist in the evaluation of organizations for full budgetary standing.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Voting Members

- a) Student Representatives – The student membership shall consist of six (6) students, one (1) of which may be a student employee of the Leadership and Involvement Center, one (1) of which may be a member Campus Activities Board, and one (1) of which may be a student employee of University Centers, two (2) of which must be a Senator, and one (1) of which may be an at-large student approved by the Student Organization Committee
- b) Faculty – One (1) faculty member shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate
- c) Academic Staff – One (1) academic staff member shall be appointed by the Academic Staff Council

Section II: Non-Voting Members

- a) One (1) member of University Centers Staff
- b) One (1) Graduate Assistant member of the University Centers staff

Section III: Elections

- a) Officers – The committee shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary from its membership. This will be done by the end of the first meeting of the year by a majority cast for each office.
- b) Terms -- The officers shall serve for one academic year and their term shall begin immediately after election.
- c) Vacancy – If a vacancy of the chairperson occurs; the vice-chairperson shall assume the office of chairperson. If the office of vice-chairperson shall be elected by the same elective process.
- d) Eligibility – All officers shall be students.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES

Section I: Budgetary Considerations

- a) The committee shall monitor and keep the Student Senate informed of the financial status of all areas of responsibility

Section II: Recommendations

- a) The committee is responsible for the oversight and management of student organization bylaws.
- b) The committee shall approve new Student Organizations.
- c) The committee shall recommend actions or measures relating to organizations which the committee deems in the best interest of the student body of UW-L. The committee shall receive student organization grievances. All grievances will be reviewed by the committee and a determination made as to who should hear the case, the committee or student court.
- d) The committee shall be responsible for the allocation of Organization Grants.
 - i. The Student Organizations Committee will make recommendations to the Student Association SUFAC for final approval.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I: Chairperson

- a) Call meeting of the committee.
- b) Preside at meetings of the committee
- c) Prepare and establish the agenda for the committee at least 24 hours in advance of meeting.
- d) Act as official representative of the committee.
- e) Serve as or appoint an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.
- f) Provide reports to the Student Senate regarding committee actions and recommendations
- g) Excuse absences of the committee members.

Section II: Vice-Chairperson

- a) Preside at all meetings of the committee in the absence of the chairperson.
- b) Assume the position of the chairperson if the chairperson becomes unable to perform the duties of office.
- c) Excuse the chairperson from meetings.
- d) Aid the chairperson in coordination of committees activities.

Section III: Secretary

- a) Record the minutes of all committee meetings.
- b) Distribute all minutes to the committee.
- c) Maintain a file of committee minutes from the beginning of the year.

ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section I: Quorum

A quorum will consist of a majority of the voting members plus one.

Section II: Motions

Action of the committee shall be by a majority vote of quorum, with the exception of organizations grant and financial decisions, which will require two-thirds (2/3) vote.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section I: Convening of the First Meeting

It shall be the Vice-President of Student Association's duty to appoint a student member to convene the committee within the first three weeks of each academic year.

Section II: Meetings

Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the chairperson during the academic year.

Section III: Special Meetings

- a) The chairperson may call special meetings by providing written notice to all committee members within twenty-four (24) hours.
- b) The Student Organizations Committee may create subcommittees to enforce established policies and procedures and to recommend new policies as deemed necessary. Each subcommittee shall have a list of policies and procedures approved by the Student Organizations Committee.

Section IV: Open Meetings

All meetings will be held in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Section V: Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be used as the parliamentary authority.

Section VI: Business Conduct

The committee will conduct its business in accordance with the rules of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the University of Wisconsin-System, and the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE VIII: ATTENDANCE

Section I: Attendance

A simple majority of voting membership shall constitute quorum for conduction business

Section II: Excused Absences

- a) All absences will be excused by the chairperson when contacted by the absent member at least 12 hours before the meeting time.
- b) Each committee member is allowed two (2) unexcused absences.
 - i. More than two (2) unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the committee.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section I: Amendments

Amendments to the Student Organizations Committee by-laws shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee and approval of the Student Senate.

Enacted May 5, 2010
Amended April 16, 2014
Amended May 6, 2015